



**ONE-DAY ADVANCED TRAINING VIA ZOOM**

# **Educating Abusive Partners about the Impact on Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Abuse**

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Featuring Jamie Van Auken, M.A. & Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

## **Time**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PDT  
11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EDT

## **Format**

Training provided live via Zoom

## **CEUs**

6 CEUs available

A focused advanced training for professionals working with abusive partners, with practical tools for increasing accountability, challenging denial, and addressing the impact of intimate partner abuse on children.

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Portland, OR. It is one of the largest Abuse Intervention Programs in the state, offering about thirty groups for abusive partners, including specialized groups for voluntary attendees and for women. Of particular note, Allies in Change works with over 70 voluntary abusive partners, more than any other agency in the country.

## Training Overview

Research has found that the majority of children in domestically abusive homes are exposed to the abuse even if they are not directly targeted. Furthermore, the impact of that exposure can be as damaging to the children as being directly abused. Just as abusive partners can display significant denial about their abuse and control and its impact on their partner, they can also have significant denial about how any children present in the relationship may be negatively affected. Increased understanding of the impact of abuse on children can provide additional motivation to stop their abuse. It can also expand their awareness of additional amends work that might be necessary once they have stopped their patterns of abuse and control.

This one-day advanced training will provide a summary of how children who are exposed to intimate partner abuse can be negatively impacted, the longer-term consequences of such exposure, and techniques to raise awareness among abusive partners about the impact of their behavior on children.

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### Learning Goals

- Develop a better understanding of child developmental stages and expectations.
- Identify specific ways children are negatively impacted by being exposed to domestic violence.
- Expand your understanding of evidence-based practices to support child development.
- Utilize the provided information to more effectively challenge and raise awareness among abusive partners of the impact of their abusive behavior on children who are exposed to it.

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### Who Should Attend

This training is designed for abuse intervention providers, therapists, advocates, probation and parole partners, child welfare professionals, supervisors, and other community partners who work with abusive partners or families affected by intimate partner abuse.

### Core Takeaway

Participants will leave with a clearer framework for discussing child impact with abusive partners in ways that are grounded, developmentally informed, and aligned with abuse intervention values.

## Agenda

- The hidden victims: children exposed to domestic violence.
- Child developmental stages and expectations.
- Impact of exposure to domestic violence on children.
- Common unsupported beliefs about child development and parenting.
- Evidence-based behavioral interventions with children that are in alignment with abuse intervention values.
- Techniques to raise awareness and educate abusive partners about the impact of childhood exposure to domestic violence.

## About the Presenters

### Jamie Van Auken, M.A.

Jamie Van Auken, M.A., is a marriage and family therapy associate and somatic practitioner with specialized training in nervous system regulation, neuro-affirming family therapy, and mindfulness. Her work is grounded in supporting caregivers and professionals in understanding how environment, sensory needs, and relationships shape emotional, behavioral, and physiological responses. Jamie is passionate about interrupting intergenerational family cycles through a foundation of curiosity, compassion, and evidence-informed practice. It is her lived belief that when people understand themselves and how their brains work, they can create new patterns within themselves and those they are connected to, fostering meaningful change.

### Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

Chris Huffine, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist who has worked with abusive men for over 30 years. He is the Executive Director of Allies in Change in Portland, Oregon, which he founded in 2004. During his career he has worked with thousands of abusive men and hundreds of female and male victims of abuse. He is a founding member of the Oregon state BIP standards group. He is considered to be a national expert on working with abusive partners and has provided trainings around the country, including a semi-annual 40-hour training on working with abusive men. He is the author of “Becoming Allies . . . With Your Partner, Yourself, and Others: Addressing the Abuse and Control in Your Relationships”, a comprehensive book for abusive partners on identifying and changing their patterns of abuse and control.

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Group discounts are available

# Upcoming Advanced Trainings

**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

## **Later Stage Work with Abusive Partners**

Most abuse intervention programs are less than a year in length, many just six months or less. Realistically, these are relatively brief interventions to help abusive partners change ways they have been thinking and behaving for many years, even decades. At best, they can help set abusive partners on the right path towards becoming non-abusive and non-controlling. If programs were longer in length, what might they do in the later stages of this change work? Through its voluntary abuse intervention groups, Allies in Change has been working with dozens of voluntary abusive partners who remain in abuse intervention groups for years. Common areas focused on in this later stage work include monitoring relapse, rebuilding intimacy, and amends making, among other things. This 1-day training will highlight what this later stage work typically teaches and focuses on.

**Thursday, July 30, 2026**

## **Risk Assessment with Abusive Partners**

A common question asked of any abusive partner is what is their level of risk. While the question is simple, a well-informed answer is complicated: risk of what - lethal violence, criminal recidivism, or abuse in general? Each may have a different risk level for the same abusive partner. This training will address how risk assessment can inform treatment planning and how specialized intervention may be needed for abusive partners who are psychopathic or otherwise very high risk.

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Oregon. It provides abuse intervention programming, counseling services, and advanced professional trainings focused on working effectively and responsibly with abusive partners.